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SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARINGS EILBERG SUBCOMMITTEE

FOR SCA ADMINISTRATOR WATSON FROM RECKNAGEL

1. CONGRESSMAN EILBERG HAS INFORMED TARR THAT SUBCOMMITTEE HAS SCHEDULED PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 13 AND I UNDERSTAND TARR IS PREPARED TESTIFY AT THAT TIME. CONGRESSMAN STATES SUBCOMMITTEE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN QUOTE INFORMATION RELATING TO METHOD OF ASSIGNING VISA OFFICERS AS WELL AS REVIEW OF VISA WORKLOADS AT VARIOUS POSTS UNQUOTE. CONTEXT WILL OF COURSE BE, AS EARLIER NOTED BY RODINO, CONCERN OVER CONTINUING MISUSE NIVS TO VIOLATE IMMIGRATION LAWS. FOCUS WILL BE ON THOSE ELEVEN OR TWELVE POSTS WHERE THIS PROBLEM IS PARTICULARLY SEVERE.

2. REGRET YOU WILL NOT BE HERE IN TIME FOR THESE HEARINGS. TARR IS ON LEAVE UNTIL TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 BUT I WILL CALL THIS TO HIS ATTENTION AS SOON AS HE GETS BACK. IF YOU WOULD LIKE ME TO I CAN ALSO SUGGEST TO HIM THAT HE MIGHT WANT TO SEE IF EILBERG WOULD AGREE TO POSTPONE THE HEARINGS UNTIL YOU RETURN.

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3. JOHN DIGGINS WILL BE BACK NEXT TUESDAY (SEPTEMBER 4)
AND WE SHOULD BE IN GOOD SHAPE WITH RESPECT TO BRIEFING
TARR. WE WILL ALSO HAVE PRELIMINARY DRAFT OF TOM STERN'S
REPORT IN NEXT FEW DAYS AND WILL KNOW HOW THAT FITS IN.
ARE THERE ANY SPECIFIC POINTS YOU WOULD LIKE BROUGHT INTO
THE HEARINGS IF POSSIBLE? IN YOUR ABSENCE I PLAN TO
SUGGEST THAT FRED SMITH, HUGH ADAMSON, JOHN DIGGINS AND I
ACCOMPANY TARR TO THE HEARINGS.

4. PLEASE LET ME HAVE YOUR COMMENTS AND ANY INSTRUCTIONS
BY SEPTEMBER 4 AT LATEST AS THAT IS DUE DATE ON TARR'S
REPLY TO CONGRESSMAN EILBERG. ROGERS

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